

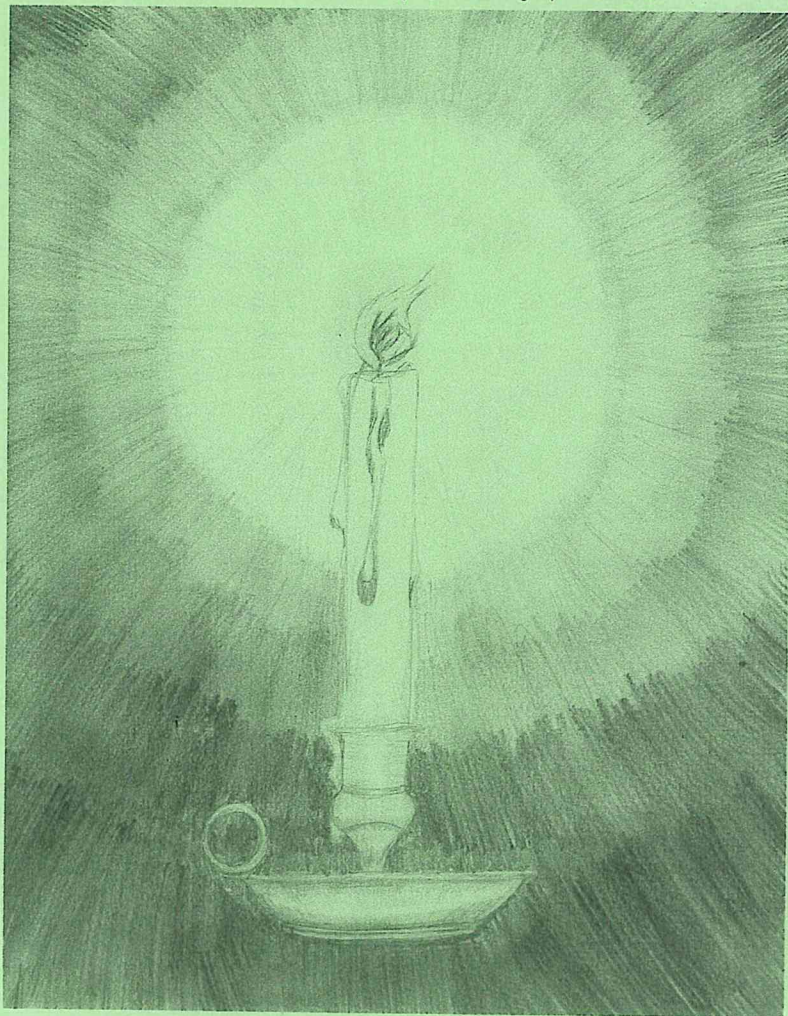


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CALNDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY

7	TWELFTH NIGHT <i>Caerthe</i> ❖
14	TWELFTH NIGHT <i>Citadel</i> ○
21	TWELFTH NIGHT <i>Fontaine</i> ❖
21	SOUTHERN WAR PRACTICE <i>St Goliath</i> ☼
28	CANDLEMAS <i>Dragonspine</i>

FEBRUARY

4	ARTS & SCIENCES (BARONIAL INSTALLATION) <i>Caer Galen</i> ❖
14-20	ESTRELLA WAR <i>Atenveldt</i> ○

MARCH

4	CROWN TOURNAMENT <i>Citadel</i> ○
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☼ attendance by His Excellency ❖ attendance by Her Excellency ○ attendance by Their Excellencies

FROM THE BARON AND BARONESS

Greetings to the populace,

Wow, what a generous populace we have, thank you all for your toy and cash donations for A Day of A&S and Toys-4-Tots, over 1,200 toys and cash were given to the Marines with even more to follow at Midwinter. Throughout the past year it has been heartening to see the outpouring from the populace to all those in need, from our friends here at home to entire Kingdoms and nations around the world. Your generosity has proven again and again that the ideals of Chivalry live on ... Huzzah to you all!

Congratulations also to Boleslav and Coinneach on becoming this years' Defenders of the Children. And thank you to both Glenn Meadonach and Caer Galen for hosting us at their events, great fun was had by all (even Aerikan and Thomas, thanks for being good sports :-). Lots of opportunities are coming up to celebrate, and train with the rest of the army, this season ... there are 12th Night events in Caerthe (1/7) and Citadel (1/14), Golias War Practice (1/21), and Candelmas in Dragonspine (1/28). We expect to see our warriors on the fields at home or away throughout the season leading to our victory at Estrella!

Congratulations to our new officers; Lady Sile - Reeve, THL Chinua - Knight Marshal, and Lord Rab - Blaiddwyn Seneschal. Please help them get settled into office and provide what help you can. And to our outgoing officers; THL Aigiarn - Reeve, Sir Bohemond - Knight Marshal, and Lord Schuyler - Blaiddwyn Seneschal ... thank you all for your time and dedication!

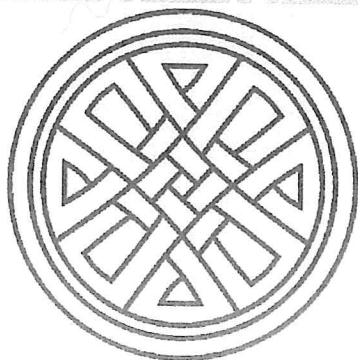
Estrella is nearly here ... Do you need a ride? Have one to give? Is your gear ready for the field? Are you? Now is the time to make repairs and check your authorizations. Do you know where al-Barran is camping? Have you read the scenarios and conventions?

Award recommendations ... have you submitted one yet? We are sure you know someone that may be ready, let us know who they are.

Travel safe and train hard,

Ryan

Tana



FROM THE SENESCHAL

Greetings,

I would like to thank all those that made our Midwinter event so wonderful. A special HUZDAH goes out to the autocrat, Lord Michael. But, without help from many good gentles within the Barony this could not have been such a success.

I would like to welcome Chinua al-Naran as the new knight marshal. He will be a fine addition to the officer corps of the Barony. Also, thank you to Sir Bohemond for his time in this position.

Even as The Barony looks towards War next month, plans are well underway for this year's Grand Outlandish. This event will once again be held at the same location we had last year, and promises to be at least as much fun. Volunteers are always needed to ensure the smooth operation of the largest event in the kingdom. There are many opportunities to help, and many venues in which to participate. Please let any of the officers and coordinators know if you are interested in any aspect of the planning and running of this event.

Yours in Service,

Master James David de Argentias

FROM THE REEVE

Greetings to the Populace of al-Barran,

Let me to introduce myself, my name is Lady Sile inghean Duibh Darach (Just passed), your new Baronial reeve. I am looking forward to supporting this mighty barony and its future endeavors.

Current deputies are as follows: THL Divina – Deputy Reeve, Lady Natasha and Katrine – Gate Coordinator Deputies, and Lord Vladimir – Event Paperwork Coordinator Deputy.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at swilkins38@comcast.net.

Lady Sile

FROM THE CAPTAIN OF ARCHERS

Greetings Archery of the Great Barony of al-Barran,

Archery practice is moving indoors at the new Archery Shoppe located at 2902 Carlisle. The new shop is located on the eastside of the road between Manual and Cardelaria. The new fee is \$6 per hour plus tax (so about \$6.40 per hour). Practice is on Saturdays starting at 10am.

O'Engus

FROM THE KNIGHT MARSHALL

Greetings to the noble populous of al-Barran...

I am THL Chinua al-Naran and I am your new Knight Marshal. I would first like to give a hearty "thank you" to Sir Bohemond for the service to Barony and to the re-shaping of al-Barran's war host that he has provided during his tenure. I have big shoes to fill and will strive mightily not to disappoint.

Mid-Winter War Practice was grand! Warriors from all corners of the Outlands made the journey to our fair Barony to sharpen their skills against al-Barran's war host. al-Barran and our brothers from Fontaine dans Sable stood shoulder to shoulder against the rest of the Outlands throughout the day and acquitted themselves very well. The organization and training we have done since Baronial Champions is paying off, but there is still more work to be done. There are just a few more weekends left to put the final polish on our skills and prepare ourselves to place the might of al-Barran at the service of our King upon the fields of Estrella.

As we speak of WAR, we must also speak of safety and preparation. First, I encourage EVERYONE to stretch before fighting. This is doubly important on the cold morning as practice begins. Second, please look to your ankle support. We are doing hard melee training and it can be very easy to turn an ankle as you are stepping over bodies or sprinting when "charge" is called. These two things will help mitigate the risk of strains and sprains that will keep you from practice or even war. al-Barran's war host needs every warrior hale and hearty. Third, check your gear! Fix that strap you have replaced with duct tape and rebuild that marginal thrusting tip. Equipment that is in good repair is safer for you and the good gentle that you are fighting. Equipment that is in good repair will also help make you a more effective warrior. This is a GOOD thing! Fourth and lastly, please check your authorization cards and make sure they are up to date. Don't wait until the last minute! Take care of yourself, your gear, and your paperwork, thus you take care of al-Barran and make us all stronger!

In Service to al-Barran

THL Chinua al-Naran

FROM THE WEBMISTRESS

Greetings unto all,

I am still looking for a deputy. Anyone interested please contact me at Webminister@al-barran.org. Here are the numbers for November:

Overall accesses	52,194	Homepage accesses	1,357
Overall visits	4,624	Homepage visits	606

Toys for Tots: 808

Day of A&S: 507

Midwinter: 1,740

Lady Melody

FROM THE BARONIAL SCRIBE

This End of Year Report from the Scriptorium of al-Barran will consist of thank yous to the local scribes who completed baronial and kingdom scrolls for Midwinter; thank yous to those who have supported the scribal efforts of the barony; and a roster of baronial scribes who have worked for the barony and kingdom in the last year.

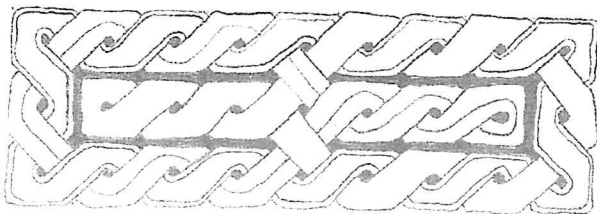
Thank you to those local scribes who illuminated Midwinter Courts. Baronial assignments were completed by: Lord Michael McQuillan, Lady Elanor Dreamweaver, THL Ymanyia Murray, Lady Brighid, Lady Sile, Lord Henry of Aquatain, Lady Alexandra Taylor, Lady Cerydwen, and myself. Additionally kingdom assignments were crafted by: Mistress Caelte, Mistress Sara de Montgomerie, THL Ymanyia, Lady Cerydwen, Lord Michael, Lord Llywus ap Alan, Lord Michael McQuillan and myself. Congratulations to the following baronial scribes who received arts recognition at the event: Lady Brighid and Lord Llywus on receiving their Argent Harts, and Lord Michael on being awarded the Russian Thistle.

Thank you to those who have fostered the scribal arts in the barony during the past year. A special thank you to Their Excellencies, Ryan and Tana, for their support and recognition of the scribes throughout the year. Thank you also to Baron Sebastian Taylor and Lady Alexandra Taylor for hosting the Wednesday night scribal workshops. This is one example of the many reasons they were recognized with the Heart of the Scorpion. Thank you, Blaidwyn, for your generous donation of baronial scrolls (let me know who made them:-) and to Lord Michael who taught the scribal workshop there. And last, but not least, thank you to my wonderful deputies, THL Ymanyia and Lady Brighid. They have taught, attended meetings, and taken on extra assignments and been very helpful.

This barony is blessed with the talents of many scribes. The following is a listing of 24 baronial scribes who have worked on one or more baronial or kingdom scrolls or taught classes this past year. If I have left someone out, please let me know. If you would like to be included in this number, please contact me or one of my deputies. Baronial Scribes--HE Tana, Mistress Caelte, Mistress Sara de Montgomerie, Mistress Maria Sol de Leon, Mistress Monika von Zell, THL Etain, THL Dubaisa, THL Ymanyia, THL Fermina, Lord Llwyus, Lord Michael, Lady Elanor, Lady Melody, Lady Bianca, Lady Brighid, Lady Bronwen, Lady Odille, Lady Danica, Lady Sile, Lady Eileen, Lady Cerydwen, Lord Henry, Lady Alexandra, m'lady Obsidian.

In service to al-Barran and the Scribal Arts, I remain

Monika von Zell



FROM THE SCORPION PURSUIVANT

Greetings unto the populace of the Barony of al-Barran and all who come by these letters from THL Pendar the Bard, Scorpion Pursuivant.

The following submissions from al-Barran were ACCEPTED by the College of Arms in August 2005:

Kovach Bol'shoi. Device. Per pale gules and sable, two dragons combatant Or and in base a lotus blossom in profile argent.

Congratulations!

No submissions from al-Barran were RETURNED by the College of Arms in August 2005.

The Baroness of al-Barran, Tana a l'Esprit Fort, held a short court at A Day of A&S on Saturday, November 19, 2005. No new awards were given at this court. The Baroness was heralded into court by Lord Geoffrey fitz Robert, who has been one of my deputies since I became Scorpion Herald and is now going to be officially listed as my deputy in charge of court/ceremony related issues. The phrasing he used to introduce Her Excellency was really quite fun and creative. Court was conducted by Kata Rafndottir, a brand new herald whose introduction to the art of court heraldry came only a couple of hours before court started in Master Adam Stedefast's court heraldry class. I admire her courage and natural talent for court heraldry, but am not surprised; she is a fellow bard so performing in front of an audience in this manner is just an extension of familiar skills. :) Still, I was impressed and hope that she continues to pursue voice heraldry endeavors. Huzzah! I was assisted at the consultation table at A&S by my new submissions deputy, Cuinn McEwen, as well as briefly by Geoffrey FitzRobert and my wife, Kiena Munro. Her Excellency also held a brief court on Sunday, November 20, 2005 at the Toys for Tots tournament. That court was conducted by my court deputy, Geoffrey fitz Robert.

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In Service,

THL Pendar the Bard

FROM THE QUARTERMASTER

Greetings fellow al-Barranians,

The holidays have passed and it is time to get ready for WAR!! in February, so please get those 2 liter bottles washed out and bring them to Sunday fighter practice or Citizen's meeting, so there will be water and Gatoraid for our great fighting force at Estrella. Bottles and caps will also be collected by the Deputy Waterbearer, Lady Mable of Golden Oak.

I am looking for a volunteer to transport the Baronial Pavilion to and from Estrella, so their Excellencies will have shade and dry place to entertain the populace and visitors from neighboring baronies and kingdoms.

The Quartermasters office would like to welcome Brun and Randolph of the Viking for becoming part of our grand Quartercrew. Thank you both for the hard work you have done, by assisting myself and Lady Kira in packing and unpacking the Mid Winter detail.

I would like to remind autocrats and coordinators that wish to check items out of the keep please to give me or Lady Kira **2 weeks notice** prior to an event or demo, so we may better assist you in your check-out needs. Last minute planning may result in not being able to pick your items for your event needs so please plan accordingly. Feel free to e-mail your keep list early to either me or Lady Kira and we will gladly have it ready for pick up.

There has been a policy change in checking out items from the keep. Autocrats and coordinators will need to provide their membership number and fill out a form with your contact info and inventory list of items being checked out. A copy of the form will be given to the person receiving the items. This form will help the office keep track of what items in the keep are checked out and who has them in case the items are not returned in a timely manner.

The barony is still looking for a trailer for autocrats and coordinators to haul items to and from events. If anyone has any information on where to purchase a 5x8 or 5x10 trailer at a reasonable price, please contact me at scotishtrollop@yahoo.com.

In service to al-Barran,

Lady Natasha MacDuff Meekislar

FROM THE RAPIER MARSHALL

New Year's salutations to all!

I am happy to report that the rapier community has been experiencing increasing numbers on the field for war practice, and for the most part, remaining healthy this season. War Practice after Midwinter increased our numbers nearly threefold! I'd like to extend my thanks to our Kingdom's overall rapier commander, Sir Conrad, our Central rapier Commanders, Lord Tomas and Don Otteaux, and all of our regular attendees and guests who contributed to the high-energy, monsterously productive practice.

I have chosen to suspend the monthly Sunday rapier tournaments at practice to provide as much melee practice as possible. We have very few Sundays between now and War, so use that time constructively and productively on the field.

I would like to thank and recognize Lord Tomas for constructing an armor testing instrument for the Barony. It is your responsibility to ensure that your armor meets armor safety standards. I will have the instrument at fighter practice for use. I'd like to both drop test armor and punch test all masks at the first practice in February before we go to War.

Remember to check your equipment frequently for safety - before, during, and after practice. See you on the field!

In Service,

Elisabeau the Lighthearted

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

CITIZENS MEETING

Held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month, 6:30 pm at The Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center at 501 Elizabeth St SE, Albuquerque, NM. *Directions:* Take I-40 to the Eubank Blvd exit. Turn South onto Eubank. Continue on Eubank past Central and turn left onto Southern Ave. The Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center is at the corner of Southern and Elizabeth, parking is on the back side. *Contact: Master James David 830-6904.*

Fighter Practice

Sundays, 11 am to 4 pm, at Bataan Park; Bataan Park is on the north side of Lomas just west of the Lomas & Carlisle intersection. *Contact: Lord Badai 242-6735*

Rapier Practice

Sunday afternoons, at Bataan Park; Bataan Park is on the north side of Lomas just west of the Lomas & Carlisle intersection. *Contact: Don Coinneach 343-8362*

Westside Fighter Practice

First and third Saturdays from 9am to 11am, at Paradise Hills Park near the Northeast corner by the skate park. *Directions to the Park:* Take Paseo Del Norte west to Golf Course Road. Go Right on Golf Course to Paradise. Turn Left (West) on Paradise. Take Paradise past Lyon/Unser to the park (It's on the right hand side of the road). *Contact: Samuel 891-3821.*

Archery Practice

Held on every Saturday of each month. Practice starts at 10 am, please be sure to arrive early so we can get the paperwork filled out and practice started on time. The practice range is at Master Tore's & Dona Sylvia's home in the Tijeras area. *Contact: Oengus of Greymist for directions and additional information by email at archery@al-barran.org*

Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice

Held on Wednesdays starting at 6:00 pm. Fighter practice is now held in front of Carlisle Gym. *Directions:* Go west from Redondo Rd and Yale and turn right into the first parking lot, traverse the length of the parking lot and to the right: go up between Northup hall and Carlisle Gym. Fighter practice will be on the left. Please note: According to the UNM Parking website they will be enforcing parking regulations until 8 pm.

Newcomers Household

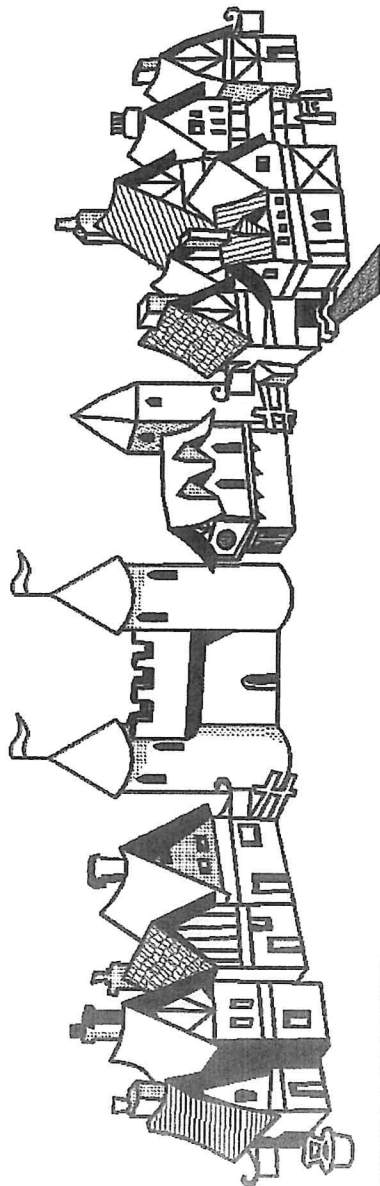
Meetings will be at 2830 Florida NE at 6:30pm. These are informal meetings to discuss/learn about various subjects such as preparing for a camping event, the meaning of honor, how to make a T tunic, protocol, etc. A newcomer is being defined as a member for less than 2 years, but all are welcome. *Contact Elisheva at 872-2711 or dchssheva@aol.com*

Weaving Knowledge Exchange & Workshops

The study & application of all types of weaving & it's history. Third Friday of every month at 7 pm at Lady Monika's house. *Contact: Lady Monika the Fair at 323-5569 for more information and directions..*

JANUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| 1 | New Years Day |
| 2 | Last Day of Chanukah (Jewish) |
| 2 | New Years Day (observed) |
| 7 | TWELFTH NIGHT Caerthe |
| 10 | Eid al-Adha (Islamic) |
| 14 | CITADEL 12TH NIGHT Citadel |
| 14 | WINTER OASIS Unser Hafen |
| 14 | Full Moon |
| 16 | Martin Luther King Day |
| 21 | TWELFTH NIGHT Fontaine |
| 28 | CANDLEMAS Dragonsspine |
| 31 | Muharramn/ New Years (Islamic) |



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SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

1		2 - Gammer Gurton's Needle	3 - Blaiddwyn Project	4 - Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice	5	6	7 - Archery - Westside Fighter Practices
8	-Fighter & Rapier Practice	9 - Gammer Gurton's Needle	10 - Newcomer's Household Meeting - Blaiddwyn Project	11 - Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice	12	13	14 - Archery
15	-Fighter & Rapier Practice	16 - Gammer Gurton's Needle	17 SHAFT ART I - - CITIZEN'S MEETING C L E S DUE - Blaiddwyn Project	18 - Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice	19	20 - Weaving Workshops	21 - Archery - Westside Fighter Practices
22	-Fighter & Rapier Practice - Dance Practice	23 - Gammer Gurton's Needle	24 - Blaiddwyn Project	25 - Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice	26 - A&S Exchange Workshop	27	28 - Archery
29	-Fighter & Rapier Practice - Dance Practice	30 - Gammer Gurton's Needle	31 - Blaiddwyn Project				
					Regular Activities listings Pages 11&14 have more regular activities information. The Minister of A&S' letter lists more A&S opportunities. Please contact Lady Barbara about Court Dancing practice.		

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Court Dance Practice

There will be court dance practices at Monte Vista Christian Church, 12:30 to 2:30pm on 1/22, 1/29, 2/5 and 2/26. Please see the Court Dance article in this Shaft for further details. Everyone, age 7 and up, is welcome at our dance practices. Please contact Lady Barbara at krege@aps.edu or 293-7453 or join the free alBarranMusic_Dance discussion list at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/alBarranMusic_Dance/ for further information.

Scorpion Scales, music group

Founded to provide atmosphere and live accompaniment to court dancing at feasts and events. Come join the al-Barran court dance musicians; instrumentalists interested in playing live music for court dancing, please consider attending. The idea is to have available live court musicians instead of using the CD player at some events. Please visit our website: <http://home.comcast.net/~shiao mei/sscales.html> to download current music to practice. Meetings will be held on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm, at Lady Melody's house. Please contact: Lady Melody at lockgen1@aol.com for further information.

Gammer Gurton's Needle

The study and application of embroidery, lace, and other needlework techniques. Check out the article for current meeting place and monthly focus on the page 20. Contact: Lady Rosamond at 865-9082 or ldyrosamond@msn.com. OR Delia the Rose of Thorncastle at 232-7946 or HLDelia@aol.com.

Arts and Sciences Knowledge Exchange and Workshops

Topics to include: felting, lampwork beads, stone carving, soap, leather, preserves, cooking and much more. To meet on the 4th Thursdays of each month at 7 pm at 10417 Palo Verde Place NW. Contact: Lady Skia 344-0094 for more information, when a workshop is happening and directions.

al-Barran Youth, Parents, & Youth Activities Volunteers Team

This team has regularly scheduled team meetings to discuss youth activities, plans, and important information for youth and parents in al-Barran. There is also a local discussion list for al-Barran youth, parents and volunteers for youth activities. To join this free discussion list, go to www.yahogroups.com and join the al-Barran_Youth_and_Parents list. (See article on page 23) Please contact Lady Barbara at krege@aps.edu or 293-7453 for further information.

Blaiddwyn Project Conclave

Come and join Blaiddwyn College at their project conclave every Tuesday evening to show off your latest projects or to pick up some new ones. Bring a project to work on or to share. Contact Blaiddwyn's Arts and Science Officer: Odile Balestra odile.balestra@gmail.com for days, times and location.

FROM THE ARTS AND SCIENCES MINISTER

Greetings all,

Al-Barran's Arts & Science championship has come and gone but the glory of the entries and entrants live on.

The list of awards is as follows:

Furthest Traveled: Lady Aine Inghen Cormac from Citadel
New Artisan: Lady Odile Balestra
Most Unique Science: Lady Bronwen Blackwell
Most Unique Art: Lord Christopher Blackwood
Most Attractive Display: Lady Theresa Yolanda Cabeza de Vaca
Most Authentic: Lord Michael McQuillan
Baroness's Favorite: Lady Maimuna al-Bukhariyya

The new Baronial Arts and Science Champion of al-Barran is Lady Theresa Yolanda Cabeza de Vaca.

The website for WAR is still a little skimpy on the art's end right now but here is the website <http://www.estrellawar.org/index.html> eventually there will be class and demonstration information to be found there. Right now there are forms if you wish to teach or do period demonstrations that you can fill out. Below are details on the categories again:

A. Armored Articulated Gauntlets—To be period and in a period medium consistent with time frame of design. Two gauntlets (a pair) must be entered and will be treated as a single item for judging purposes.

B. Metheglin—A single Metheglin (herb-based only) that is based within our time period. Entrant must provide documentation to the effect that the major flavoring ingredient(s) were considered herbal in nature during time period of recipe. Staff will provide tasting cups for judging. No Metheglin will be judged that does not include a full list of ingredients or is considered contaminated. Medicinal ingredients considered illegal, toxic, or available by prescription only should not be used (e.g., absinthe, foxglove (*digitalis*), etc.).

C. A Single Page with Illumination and Calligraphy—Examples: A scroll or single sheet from a book. Illumination and Calligraphy must within our time period. A single sheet from a book may have two different scenes. While the single page may be presented within the confines of a book only the single page indicated will be judged. Entrant must provide a stand or another form of display for safety of piece in uncertain environmental conditions.

Coming up in Arts:

Regular activities:

Gammer Gurton's Needle Mondays 239-3196 for location and subject

Singing with Lord Tancred Tuesdays 6:30 268-4994

Armor workshops with Master Tore Thursday 6:00-9:00 281-5694

Weaving Knowledge and exchange with Lady Monika the Fair 3rd Friday of the month (323-5569)

Court Dancing contact Lady Jane Barber

Scorpions Scales contact Lady Melody

Events:

Feb 4th - Arts & Science - Caer Galen Meenakshi 303-404-3321

Feb 14th-20th - Estrella War XXII - Kingdom of Atenveldt

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FROM THE CHIRURGEON

Greetings!

1) War is upon us and we are busy making our final preparations. There are a couple of things to include in the kitchen to help with war.

Bleach is a critical item to have for the kitchen. Put a little bleach in the rinse water when doing your dishes. This kills the bugs in the water and any other bugs that may exist. Letting the dishes air dry afterwards is best, but a clean dry towel will work as well.

Potatoes and hot chocolate. No, not at the same time. If the temperature is cold, eating a potatoe or drinking some hot chocolate will help keep a person warm during the night. Having these items can make a huge difference if someone is freezing.

2) Our trip to war is upon us. Please remember to do a couple of things.

Tell someone (who is not travelling with you) what your travel plans are. Arrival time, the route to be taken, who you will be camping with, and even which vehicle you are taking are all pieces of information that should be shared with someone else. Traveling with other vehicles is a great idea as well. We may need to find you or someone not at war may need to get in touch with you. Share the information.

The second item to remember is to hide your medicines while at war. Do not leave them out in the open, including over the counter medicines. Small children or a wandering and lost adult may come across these items and take them. Please tell someone who is camping with you where your medications are and what they are for. If you should have an emergency, someone will know where your medications are and provide help.

Remember, be safe. Take a little time and share these pieces of information.

Sir Dennis the Wright

FROM THE CHRONICLER

Greetings unto all,

How was that for an awesome Midwinter? Huzzah to the autocrat. Michael, you done good. Now we need to start looking forward to WAR!!!! I hope to have a bunch of articles on how to prepare for Estrella in the February Shaft. So, please those of you who have the experience and the knowledge... SHARE IT!

In other news. I am now looking for someone to hand the Chronicler's office over to. I will be stepping down at Outlandish. If you are interested, send a letter of intent to Master James David, Their Excellencies, and myself.

And once again, thanks go out to my lady, my children, and my deputy Lady Bianca for their help in labeling, sealing, and stamping all of these newsletters. My thanks go to Lord Brennainn and his lady Theresa for the wonderful job they're doing with the printing of the newsletter. And last, but certainly not least, my thanks go to Lord Michael for his sometimes startling, but always humorous insights into the populace of this great barony. Who knows who he'll get next...

In Service,

Lord Y Port Lairge

ARTS AND SCIENCES COLLEGIUM THANK YOUS

Over 150 Artisans and Scientists attended the al-Barran Arts and Sciences Collegium on November 19. We collected 126 toys at the gate and raised enough money from the profits of the event to buy approximately 60 more toys. A very special thanks to all of you who attended and for your generosity in the toys you donated. You made this a very special and fun day! Huzzah! I wish to thank Lord Rab, who was our site manager and head of our set up and tear down crews, head chef, and who helped me in so many ways in advance of the event and Lady Thalaurliana who was my Deputy Autocrat, coordinator of the decorations and welcoming committee and in charge of the deserts competition. Also a special thank you to Lady Dovey who was our gate coordinator, THLady Emer who was in charge of the A&S Displays for Baronial Champion, THLord Pendar who did heraldic consulting all day, Master Gundwaldt who spoke during our luncheon about the creation and the history of the al-Barran Bell, Antares Kano, and Haniya who taught at most of the youth activities.

A very special thank you also to Lord Rab who headed up the cooking for the wonderful Irish Donations Lunch and his crew--Lady Sile, Cassia, Rachel, Shyla and Danielle, who helped with precooking and on site. Lord Rab would also like to thank Mistress Monika, Lady Kira, Toni and others who helped with lunch preparation at the event. We wish to thank Mistress Monika who donated breads and cheese spread and all those who donated deserts for the desert competition and luncheon. And a very special thank you also to Lord Scarbellious, Lord Gillmoure, and Lord Thomas Carisbourg who worked all day always with a smile, moving tables, chairs and belongings and to THLady Eileen Fraser who graciously volunteered to do several hours of gate duty.

A very special thank you also to the 35 teachers who generously gave of their time and their materials to teach the 42 wonderful, fun and very educational classes. Thank you so very much Mistress Monika, Mistress Joella, Mistress Maria, Mistress Sarah, Mistress Averil, Master Tómas, Mistress Rhianwen, Baroness Tana, Master Adam, Sir Marcus, Mistress Bahiyyah, Baron Thorkell, Lady Brigid, Lord Llywus, THLady Diana, Sayidda Maimuna, Lord Y, Lady Bianca, Lady Lyneya, Lady Elanor, Lord Tancred, Lord Canus, Lady Mei, Lady Dovey, Lord Thomas Carisbourg, Lady Renee, Lady Thalaurliana, Shiek Omar, Lord Aethelwulf, THLord Cristobal, Lady Aithne, Dama Theresa, THLord Bjorn, Haniya and Willow. We really appreciate your hard work, your dedication and teaching and your continued support of the Arts and Sciences in the Outlands. Huzzah! Thanks also to Haniya and Lady Cerydwen, who also served on the gate. Over 300 tables and chairs were moved for this event both in the morning and again in the evening by a very special setup and tear down crew. They did an amazing job! So thank you so very much Lord Rab, Lord Christopher, Lord Scarbellious, Lord Gillmoure, Lord Thomas Carisbourg, THLord Cristobal, Lord Gillmoure, Lord Y, Lord Canus, Lord Geoffrey, Joey, Sean and Bryan.

A special thank you to Baron Sabastian, who lent us material for decorations and feast gear for the head table and who made and donated several tablecloths. Thanks also to Baroness Tana and Lady Thalaurliana who donated the prizes for the A&S Displays and the Desert Competition. We also want to thank Baroness Tana, Baron Sabastian, Mistress Rhianwen, Lord Rab, Lord Gillmoure, THLady Renee, Randolph the Merchant, Ruth Frank, Haniya, Natalie from Los Alamos and Senor Thomas Moreno, who lent us over 30 tables, an overhead projector and a projection screen for this event. We also want to thank Raleys

for their generous donation of the flowers and Quadan for his donation of the bottles used for the flower bouquets.

Thanks also to Natalie, Haniya, Mistress Rhianwen, Lady Cerydwen, Lady Dovey, Lady Rachel, Lady Melody, Lady Kira, Lady Lyneya, Ivanna, and Marra, who helped with the decorations and welcoming. A special thanks to the wonderful and dedicated Musicians of Scorpion Scales, Lady Mei, Lady Melody, Lady Lyneya, Lady Bianca, David and Obsidian, who played lovely music for our court dance ball and to Lord Canus, Lady Dovey and others who taught and led dances for our court dance ball in the evening. Thank you Haniya for creating the welcoming baskets of amenities, general support in advance of the event and for providing crash space for several visitors from out of town. Thanks also to Lady Natasha and Lady Kira who helped us in getting things from the Keep and to Lady Melody who created our website and the chart of our class schedule. Finally a special thank you to Master Adam, Master James David, Baron Ryan and Baroness Tana for their support and help in putting on this event.

Your in service to the Dream,
Lady Jayne Barber, Autocrat, A Day of Arts and Sciences



COURT DANCING

A special thank you to Lord Canus, Lady Thauriana, Lady Melody, Lord Y, Lady Lyneya, Lady Jayne, Haniya, THLord Cristobal, Ivanna, Marra, and Lady Dovey who performed Court and Hungarian Dances for the entertainment at Mid-Winter. A special thank you also to Gary Diggs, an Albuquerque dance instructor, who taught us the Hungarian dances over 5 hours at his home for free, brought his Hungarian Dance Troupe to perform at Mid-Winter, and gave the dancers music CDs, dance instructions and a dance video. Thanks also to the musicians of Scorpion Scales, Lady Mei, Lady Melody, Lady Lyneya, Lady Bianca, David and Obsidian, for playing dance music for the court dancing at Mid-Winter and to Lord Canus, Lady Dovey and others who taught and led the dancing.

Court Dance practices for January and February are scheduled at Monte Vista Christian Church, 3501 Campus Blvd. for 1/22, 1/29, 2/5 and 2/26, from 12:30 to 2:30pm. Please use the outside stairwell to the right of the main entrance of the church to get to the dance practice room downstairs. Everyone, age 7 and up, is welcome at our court dance practices. If you want more information concerning court dancing in al-Barran, please contact Lady Barbara at 293-7453 or kreges@aps.edu or join the al-Barran Musicians and Court Dancers discussion list by going to http://groups.yahoo.com/group/alBarranMusic_Dance/. This free yahoo discussion list will give you the latest information concerning dance practices and Scorpion Scales music practices in al-Barran.

Yours in service to the dream,
Lady Jayne Barber

MIDWINTER THANK YOUS

Greetings to all,

There are many wonderful gentles to whom I wish to extend my heartfelt gratitude for their assistance in running al-Barran Midwinter. If you had a good time, it is these dedicated, hard-working people who deserve our thanks. Some were with me from the very beginning, others stepped up at the last minute to fill a need and did so without complaint. They gave up their time to see to the event, and I will be forever grateful for all that they have done.

Feast-o-crat (and entertainment-crat): THLady A'isha bint Asad ud-Din

Gate-o-crat (and so much more): THLady Aigiarn Aljin

Web-o-crat: Lady Melody

Site-token-o-crat: Lady Odile Balestra

Kitchen-crats:

Mistress Cailte Caitchairn

Mistress Rahlina del Norte (A'isha's mother)

Duchess Mikulina

Sir Steffan of the Wanderers

THLord Morris O'Fiaich

Lady Ceridwen de Gyrlyngton

Lady Adelina Marie de Castille

Lord Benjamin of Sligo

Akki

Dragon (his first event, yet handled himself like a pro)

Set up-crats: Sir Gregor and Haven Avare

Deco-crat: Master Tomas Frazier

Johnny on the Spot-o-crat: Don Rudger Emerys (it's a long story)

Keep-o-crat (among other things): Lady Kira McDuff

Head Table Deco-crat: Baron Sebastian (and many others)

Hospitality-crat: Lady Isabella al-Harith

Skullery-crats: \

Lord Scarbellius

THLord Connor (who also mentored me in this, and I am indebted to him for that)

Donnlaith (sp?)

Clean-Up and Take-Down-crats:

THLord Steitan

Lord Thomas de Carisbourg

Lord Y Port Laire

Lady Melody Shaw

Mistress Margherita de Fiorre

Sasha of Drygestan

Don Charles Blackstone

Don Govanen

(and so many others)

Contact Info-crat: Master James David

Server-crat: Lord Aethelwulf the Goliard, and his incredible crew

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Head Table Server-crats:

Sir Cathyn Fitzgerald

THLady Alia Marie de Blois

Angel on my Shoulders-crats:

Lord Firien Greenholm. This amazing person was my second, and undertook the most thankless of tasks with a dignity and dedication that made me proud to have him on my staff. There was much that got done simply because Firien was there and willing to do whatever he could to see to the success of the event. I am forever in his debt.

Kiddie-crats: Lord J.T. Whoreschum

Singing-crats: Lord Tancred d' Avignon

Herald-crats: Master Adam Stedefast

Visiting Nobility-crats:

Roger and Constance, Baron and Baroness of the Citadel of the Southern Pass

Duncan and Mary, Baron and Baroness Fontaine dans Sable

Visiting Royalty-crats:

Martino and Ariel, King and Queen of Calontir, thank you for travelling such a great distance to be with us.

Thank you for being a joy to work with...crats:

Their Majesties Hrorek and Caoilfhionn, Rex and Regina Outlandium.

Thank you for working with me.

Thanks for Everything-crats:

Ryan and Tana, Baron and Baroness of al-Barran. It was you who allowed me the chance to run this event, and the encouragement and counsel you gave me carried me through from the very beginning to right now, at the end. Thank you for putting your trust in A'isha and me.

and finally:

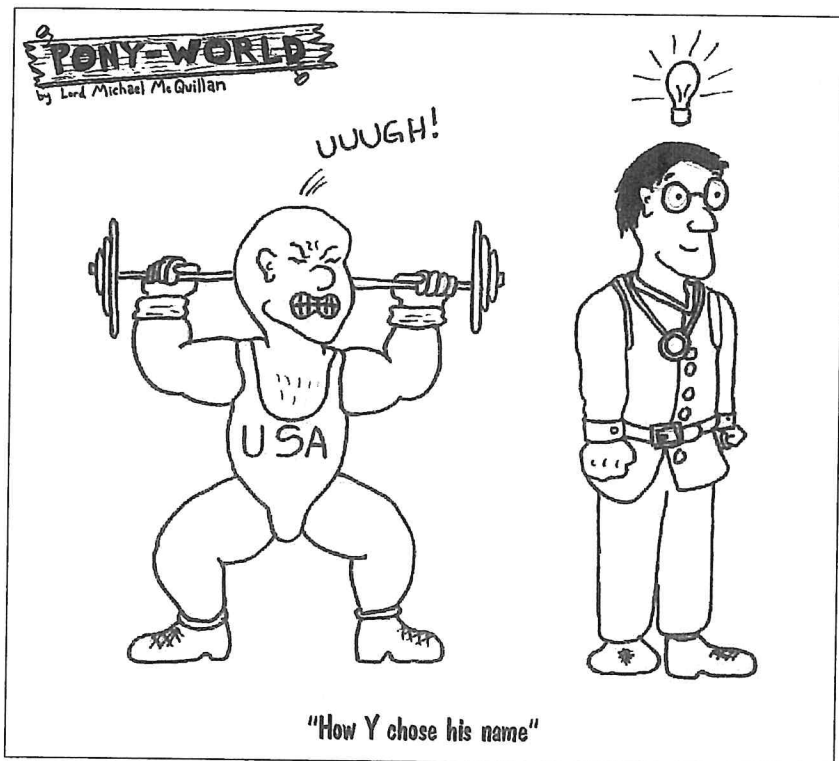
Populace-crats:

Thank you to the populace of the Kingdom of the Outlands. Thank you for attending the event, enjoying the feast, and allowing my staff and myself to attend you. Because all the preparations in the world mean nothing without our friends there to enjoy the day. Everything is made worth the effort because of you.

Semper Vigilans,

Michael McQuillan

Ponyboy



GOLIATH WAR PRACTICE BOX LUNCHES

This year, Goliath war practice will once again host a boxed lunch auction. The proceeds from this auction will go towards the kingdom war effort. You can participate by taking a lunch for two to the war practice, and donating it to the auction, or by bidding on a lunch at the auction. The kind gentle donating the lunch will share it with the winner of the auction. This is a great opportunity for cooks to show off their creativity and skills. Cooks, please place a note of some sort indicating what you brought (i.e., Irish stew, soda bread ...) so that the auctioneer does not have to guess.

thank you,
annaliese
(anne aliz de basle)

AL-BARRAN YOUTH TEAM ESPERANZA MEETING MINUTES AND AL-BARRAN YOUTH ACTIVITIES POLICIES

The al-Barran Youth Team met with our Seneschal, Master James David at Esperanza. In al-Barran, if an activity is announced in publicity for an al-Barran event, then it is considered an "official al-Barran youth activity" and we are to follow the Outlands Minister of Children Guidelines contained in the Minister of Children Handbook, a copy of which is in the Outlands Library on the Outlands website at <http://www.outlands.org/library/index.aspx>.

"Official al-Barran youth activities" are considered to be those youth activities which are advertised in advance either in the Shaft, on a discussion list, in a gate handout, or announced in court or by a town crier, or listed in the schedule of an event. These activities will need to follow the MOC Guidelines. If you have an activity in your encampment or elsewhere on the al-Barran event site, but which is not advertised or announced in advance in any of the ways above, then your activity for the youth is not considered to be an "official al-Barran youth activity" and does not have to follow any of the MOC Guidelines.

Following these MOC guidelines and our new al-Barran policy regarding youth activities, means that:

- We will have a minimum of two, unrelated adults supervising each of those youth activities.
- The Autocrat for that event, must also include in their event report to our Seneschal, a report of the youth activities at their event and a report of any injuries that occurred to youth at the youth activities for which a Chiurgeon was involved and the medical attention that was given by the Chiurgeon.
- It is also up to the coordinator of the youth activities for that al-Barran event to set minimum age (if any) for youth who are participating.
- The barony will not have a policy about minimum age for youth to participate.
- If youth are abandoned (ie, we know their parents or guardians have left the site) or we are unable to learn from the child who their parents are and where they are camping, then we are to call event security.
- At camping events with a youth tent or organized youth activities, the youth coordinator or volunteer in the youth tent should try to have a walkie talkie so that they can contact security or the Autocrat.
- If youth come into a youth activity or youth tent by themselves and are under the age of 5 years old, use the walkie talkie or send a third adult to find the autocrat or a security person.
- Having the youth sign in for an activity or for a weekend of activities in a youth tent, is up to the coordinator of youth activities for that event. However if the child is too young to sign their own name, then their parents should sign them in.

The al-Barran Youth Team has regularly scheduled team meetings to discuss youth activities, plans and important information for youth and parents. We are also working to develop an information website for al-Barran youth activities and information. If you have any ideas for the upcoming al-Barran Youth Website, please send your ideas to Lord Christopher Blackwood at ChrisGraham01@aol.com. There is also a local discussion list for al-Barran youth, parents and volunteers for youth activities. To join this free discussion list, where we post important information concerning the youth and also team meeting information and projects, please go to http://groups.yahoo.com/group/al-Barran_Youth_and_Parents/.

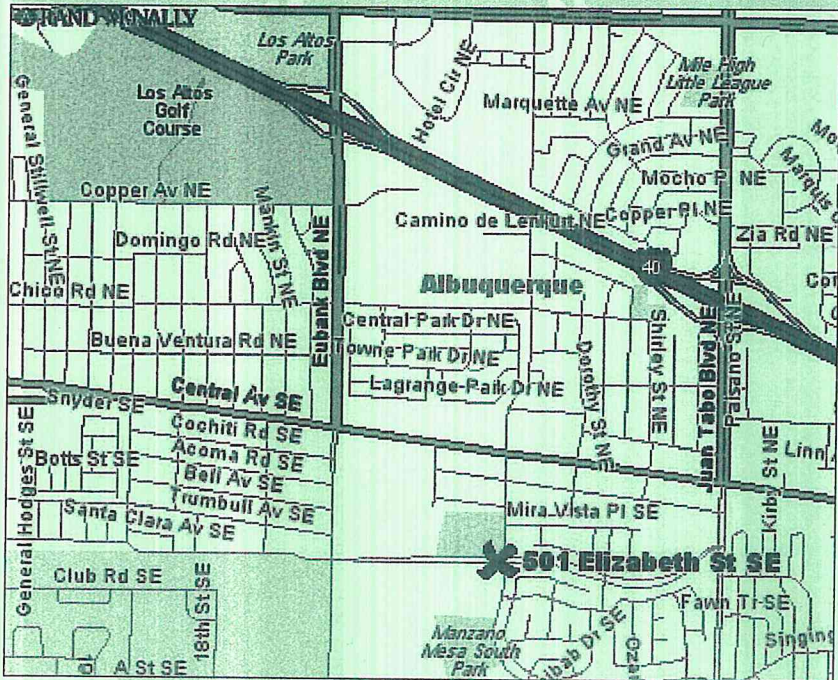
Yours in service to the dream,
Lady Jayne Barber

CITIZEN'S MEETING

The Citizen's Meeting location is the Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center at 501 Elizabeth St SE, Albuquerque, NM. The next meeting will be on 17 January. The citizen's meeting is held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month beginning at 6:30 pm. Please contact the Seneschal, Master James David 830-6904, for further information.

Driving Directions:

Take I-40 to the Eubank Blvd exit (No. 165). Turn south onto Eubank Blvd. Continue on Eubank Blvd past Central Avenue. Turn left onto Southern Avenue. The Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center is at 501 Elizabeth St SE, Albuquerque, NM at the corner of Southern and Elizabeth.



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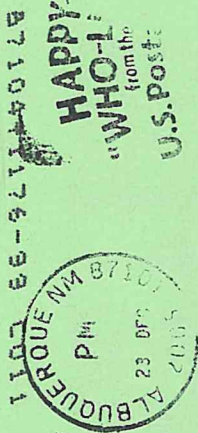
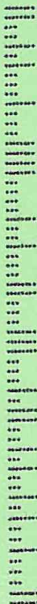
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